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State of Mississippi
Department of Archives & History
P. O. Box 571, Jackson, MS. 39205

Historic Sites Survey

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ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Two-story brick; plan adjusted to fit triangular block site. Eleven bays by seven; cut away corner bay at the intersection of the streets. Water table painted white; pilasters with terra-cotta capitals enriched with running-dog ornament frame each lower bay. Recessed door in corner entrance bay has company name and construction date inscribed below battlemented parapet. Original side entrance (now enclosed) has stone cornice with corner corbels, also enriched by the running dog ornament. Upper windows in flat arches rest on projecting stone course.

ALTERATIONS:

OUTBUILDINGS:

LANDSCAPE FEATURES:

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

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NAME: Dement Printing Co.

STREET NO: 2002 6th Street

TOWN/VIC: Meridian

COUNTY: Lauderdale

BLOCK/LOT: Ragsdale Block 69, lots 8, 9 and 10

PRESENT OWNER: Dement Investment Co.

ADDRESS P. O. Box 1111-Meridian, MS 39301

PRESENT USE: Printing company

FORMER USE: Printing company

DATE: 1909

STYLE: Some classical elements

ARCH/BUILDER:

SOURCE OF DATE: Building inscription

ENVIRONMENT: Commercial

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE

NEIGHBORHOOD

LOCAL x

STATE

NATIONAL

PHOTOS

NEG. #

SITE OR AREA PLAN WITH NORTH ARROW AND SHAPE OF STRUCTURE:

CONTINUATION:

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PHYSICAL CONDITION:

Fair

THREATS:

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

Ragsdale Block 69, lots 8, 9 and 10

ACREAGE: Less than an acre

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The Dement Printing Co. building, constructed in 1909, has been owned and operated continuously by the Dements since that time. The architectural significance of this building lies in its application of classical elements to an industrial structure. Ground-floor bays are defined by brick pilasters with terra-cotta capitals enriched with a running-dog ornament, and an original side (west) facade entrance is surmounted by a granite cornice with corner corbels and the running-dog ornament.

PHOTOS

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DEMENT PRINTING COMPANY

Meridian, Lauderdale County, Mississippi

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2002 21st Avenue.

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Meridian Multiple Resource Area
28 AUG 1979 (Partial Inventory)

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